

PETITION

Command in Chief,
(Confirming Officer)
British Army of the Rhine.
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PETITION OF PETER WEINGARTNER against finding of guilty and
sentence of death passed on me by a Military Court at LUNEBURG, GERMANY, on
17 Nov 45, on the following grounds ;-

FINDINGS

1. That I am not guilty of the two charges alleged against me in the Indictment.
2. That the offences stated in the Indictment do not legally constitute a War Crime.
3. That the Deputy Judge-Advocate General in his summing up misdirected the Court as follows ;-
 - (a). He failed to direct the Court on the conflict between the Domestic law of Germany and International Law.
 - (b). He wrongly interpreted the meaning of a War Crime (Transcript 51, page 2, 2nd paragraph from the bottom). The correct view is given by Col Smith (Transcript 45, page 29, 2nd paragraph from the top.)

SENTENCE

4. That the sentence of death is a too severe punishment in that there is no evidence that I had anything to do with the gas chamber at AUSCHWITZ nor that I ever killed any internee either at AUSCHWITZ or at BELSEN. I am a Jugo-Slav forced to work for the Germans.

Ich fühle mich ganz Unschuldig

Weingärtner, Peter.

LUNEBURG
22 NOV 1945.